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- e) computing an initial neural connection from each of p1, p2, p3..., said computation comprising:

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- e3) making an initial connection c1 to be c1 = (p1, 1), or f(p1) = 1, where f(p1) is a connection matrix element;

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